

Memorial of S. N. Wood.

Mrs. Margaret L. Wood has written, and the Hudson-Kimberly Publishing Company, of Kansas City, have published, a memorial of Sam. Wood, which will be of rare interest to many thousand readers in Kansas. To these memoirs Mrs. Wood has attached "Wood's Manifesto," a defense of People's Party principles, delivered by Colonel Wood, at Herington, April 29, 1891, and the last political address ever delivered by him.

The book should be owned and read by every Kansan. It can be secured, cloth bound, for \$1.50, or in paper covers for \$1. This is remarkably cheap for such a work. It contains nearly 300 pages, the mechanical work is excellent, and the paper used is of the best, while the whole book is intensely interesting and full of valuable information.—*Leavenworth Times*.

A part of the world's history of the last half of the nineteenth century will be the heroic life and tragic death of Col. S. N. Wood, of Kansas.

His heroic and unselfish work in the early days of Kansas is a part of the State's history; a part of the nation's history.

From the day that the Quaker farmer boy made his first speech for Abolition, to the day that he was so foully murdered by an inhuman brute—one of a gang of respectable ruffians—Col. Sam. Wood was a reformer. He was devoting more time to the welfare of his fellow-men than to his own individual success.

The story of his heroic life and tragic death is told by his bereaved widow—Margaret L. Wood.

It is interesting to the general reader. It is valuable to the student of history. It is doubly interesting to the men who are engaged in once more trying to get the old ship of state headed in the direction pointed out by the Fathers of the Republic. It is a part of the literature of the New Revolution.

Grievous to state, it is one of the bloody pages.

Mrs. Wood's effort is marked with the characteristics of her whole life. It is a worthy memorial to her dead husband. It is a large book—but one reads it from beginning to end, with increasing interest as each new leaf is turned.

We can aptly close this brief notice with the words with which she begins her Preface: "His enemies have told you his 'faults'; let me tell you the true story of his life."—*Chicago Sentinel*.

This book takes up the life of its illustrious hero, briefly outlining his ancestry, then introduces step by step the memorable events of his career, in connection with much heretofore unwritten history connected with those exciting times prior to and during the struggle with the slave power.

Ten thousand Kansas firesides should be made to give forth the promptings of that great heart, by an oft-repeated study of these narrations. But

not until his heart was stilled in death could his praises be sounded. He was a man of boundless resources, a lover of his race, a foe to political cussedness in every form; he loved his country for its free institutions, and fought to the death every form of legal infringement upon the liberties of any man or class of men. He was hated to his death—hated only by the vicious, who for years have held undisputed sway in every branch of that State, till, in obedience to an order of the court, he was summoned to the presence of his foes, and in response to another and quite as distinct an order, shot dead in the presence of his wife on the very threshold of the court-house he was entering to make appearance.

The murderer is to-day at large, an unpunished bandit. The administration that turned him loose with its God speed, this week closes its reign forever in that State, and thus in his death did he slay more than in life.

Every home in Kansas should have a copy of "In Memoriam" in its library; read it to your children; instill into the veins of the very unborn a hatred for such practices as led up to the death of Sam. Wood, and likewise breathe into the rising generation that love for the deeds of daring that were ever characteristic of Wood when the liberties and dearest interests of any were jeopardized, no matter at whose hands.

You never can pay for the service he has rendered you in the work he has done for the State if you should take a hundred copies each.—*American Non-conformist*.

We want our readers to purchase this book, for two purposes: First, for the assistance they may render to the wife of a martyr in the cause of liberty; second, for the sake of learning of the secret workings and conspiracies of the Republican party, and also for a knowledge of the struggles of the liberty party in Kansas, of which Colonel Wood had always been a leader. . . . Those who read this book will discover that the writer was well fitted to be the companion of this remarkable man. Her polished sentences contain almost volumes at times, while her sarcasm has a keen edge, which makes its way wherever it is directed.—*The Liberator*.

Its historical reminiscences of the early struggle for freedom in Kansas, and the copious quotations from those who, with Colonel Wood, participated in that struggle, the narrative of his army service during the War of the Rebellion, and his participation in the subsequent events that make up the history of Kansas, are all of great interest in themselves; and that interest is intensified by the tragic end of the subject of the memorial at a time when human life should have been safe in the State to which his services had been devoted. The story of the murder of Colonel Wood, the conspiracy by which it was brought about, and the brutality of its execution, are subjects concerning which all have desired information—and two chapters of the book relate to these matters. The names of the conspirators are given, and the story of their infamy is thus recorded in permanent form.—*Advocate and Tribune*.

It is a magnificent volume of about 300 large pages. It is a remarkable book, prepared "in memoriam." It tells the story of a life more remarkable than that of any other Kansan; and it tells the story of early life in Kansas more vividly and thrillingly than it has ever been done before—or will be

again. Mrs. Wood has not only established the memory of her husband, but she has placed all Kansas under lasting obligations for her contributions to the literature of the State.—*Topeka Populist*.

Mrs. Wood has made a book of general interest. There seems to be a great deal of information in this book as to men and events covering the period of the settlement of Kansas, from 1854 to 1860, that has passed out of men's minds.

S. N. Wood was active, untiring, zealous and indefatigable at whatever he undertook, or in any cause he espoused. He was a natural leader, or rather a self-directed man in everything. He was a partisan in feeling and action, depending on himself, and when not satisfied with the policy of others worked on his individual responsibility, seeking counsel and waiting on no man.

Those who fail to understand this trait of character could never understand him. In war he would be a scout rather than in the ranks, and a raider rather than a campaigner. He evidently intended to write a book covering his active life in Kansas, from the vast amount of material his wife has been enabled to print in this volume. It will well repay the reading, from the information it contains of men, events and incidents in the history of early Kansas.—*Kansas City Journal*.

Mrs. Wood's tribute to the memory of her husband is a labor of love, into which she has put the remaining energies of a singularly laborious life and the last dollar of her scanty means.

It is ably written, and full of correct and very valuable history; hence should have—and will have—a prompt and large sale.—*The Jeffersonian*.

The contents of chapter 10, and a portion of chapter 11, clearly show the responsibility of some of the State officers of Kansas and the Senate of 1891 for the cruel murder of Samuel N. Wood. The names of some of the men who employed the assassin to do their work are given. The conspiracy, aided and encouraged by prominent men, is given under the following heads:

Murderers.—A Prisoner in No Man's Land.—A Suit in the Supreme Court.—Cowardly Assault by A. W. Smith.—Murder of Sheriff Cross and his Posse.—C. E. Cook *et al.*—Attorney General Miller and his Emissary.—Colonel Wood's Letter to Attorney General Miller.—Kansas State Officers and Criminals.—Judge Botkin.—A Mistake.—A Dark Record.—J. W. Calvert.

Alliance House of 1891.—Clerk of Judiciary Committee.—Attempted Arrest.—Protection by Shawnee County District Court.—The First Premonition of Death.—Hackney's Brutal Assault.—The Result.—Deceit Practiced by the Murderers.—Coming Events Foreshadowed.—Last Homeward Ride.—“Why?”

Chapter 13 contains: “A Mirage.”—“To Friends Above, from Fiends Below.”—A Sampson Slain.—Homeward.—Deputy U. S. Marshal Ed. Short.—Funeral.—“Thou art Free from Time and Space.”

For sale by Mrs. S. N. Wood, Topeka, Kas., cloth bound, \$1.50, paper, \$1.00, postpaid; also by the Topeka *Populist* and *Advocate* offices, Topeka.

